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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 1131-0491P Application No. Filing Date Examiner Art Unit 10/699,695-Conf. #5835 November 4, 2003 D. A. Walls 1731 Applicant(s): Yoichiro YAMASHITA et al. Invention: FILTER ASSEMBLY FOR A CIGARETTE AND METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME MS Amendment **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims **Highest** Remaining Number Number Previously **Extra Claims** After Amendment Paid Present Rate 0.00 **Total Claims** 5 20 0 Х 50.00 Independent 2 0 3 200.00 0.00 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 Small Entity x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-2448 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: December 11, 2006 James M. Slattery Attorney Reg. No.: 28,380 BIRCH, STEWART, KOLASCH & BIRCH, LLP 8110 Gatehouse Road Suite 100 East P.O. Box 747 Falls Church, Virginia 22040-0747 (703) 205-8000





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## **AMENDMENT UNDER 35 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **December 11, 2006** 

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 12, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectively submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This paper includes Claim Set as amended and remarks.